



The Adult Education Trust
is delighted to host
Edwina Gateley
in Christchurch in March 2012.

About Edwina Gateley

Edwina Gateley is dedicated to following the call of God in her life.

To date, this has led her to teaching in Africa, founding the Volunteer Missionary Movement, sojourning into the Sahara Desert, spending nine months of prayer in a trailer in the woods, befriending and ministering to street people and women in prostitution - "God's little ones," and preaching the Good News: God is With Us.

Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, lay minister, modern-day mystic and prophet, and a single mom.



She currently gives talks, conferences and retreats in the U.S.A., Canada, Britain and Ireland while continuing to reach out to women in recovery from drugs and prostitution.

AET is privileged to host Edwina for the *two only events* to be held in New Zealand.

Anthony Gittins (CSSP) describes Edwina as 'a woman of faith, vision, conviction and tenacity: a rare combination that is not always equally palatable to everyone. But those who listen, and think, and assess will find treasure in her words and insights.'

For more information about Edwina Gateley check: <http://www.edwinagateley.com>

A Day with Edwina Gateley

Saturday 17th March 2012

A day with Edwina Gateley - will be a review of her Faith journey, facing the challenges regarding the call to Justice and Discipleship.

Venue: The Christchurch venue is still to be decided (owing to venue availability since Earthquakes. Keep checking this website for updates.)

Cost: \$50.00 waged \$35 Unwaged

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

BYO Lunch

Soul Sisters Retreat

Monday 19th – Sunday 25th March 2012

Hanmer Springs

Women called to connect, bond and heal in a broken world.

During this retreat, we explore the Feminine Divine and the significant role women have to play in bringing balance and healing to our world.

We will look at the role of women in Scripture as well as the call to transformation in the Christian tradition.

The history of God as Mother will be examined and the importance of compassion in the process of healing for ourselves as individuals as well as the global community.

We will also look at the experience of some contemporary women whose struggle for new life is a testimony to the resilience of the human spirit and the redeeming power of God's grace.

Cost

NZ \$580.00 Details for payment: A \$200 dollar deposit or payment in full at time of registration can be made preferably online to AET Bank account (38-9000-0142886-00)], or, cheques payable to AET care of Trish Dakers, 63 Bowenvale Ave, Christchurch 8022.

Once registered, a letter with information about accommodation, retreat venue and other details will be forwarded to you via email, or, if this is not possible, by surface mail.

Transport

1. Shuttle buses between Christchurch and Hanmer. Details: Hanmer Shuttle Website:

http://www.atsnz.com/hanmer_connection_home.html

2. Transport from Christchurch on Monday morning will be available for retreat participants from other parts of New Zealand or Australia with locals travelling in cars. This can be prearranged on a needs basis. Returning to Christchurch can also be arranged.

Further Inquiries:

Cathy 03 960 7670 or Trish 03 942 7954

Or Cathy – cathy.harrison@clear.net.nz

Or Trish - trish@ecoeng.co.nz

You may wish to visit the AET Website: www.aet.net.nz for online registration.

Why Hanmer?

At the heart of a magnificent mountain recreational area Hanmer Springs is uniquely beautiful in any season of the year.

For many years Hanmer Springs has been recognized and sought as a place of physical healing. It is intimately associated with the healing of spirit. God the beautiful healer can be found in this place of retreat, where one can be nourished and strengthened on this spiritual journey.

Hanmer is located in the South Island of New Zealand, a delightful, straightforward, 90 minute drive north west of Christchurch.

In choosing Hanmer AET was also inspired by beguines of the middle ages who lived in houses in communities with a strong commitment to prayer, Eucharist and service to community.

The idea of living for a week in houses in a small rural town conducive to prayer and reflection appealed to the vivid imagination of AET sometime before the Canterbury earthquakes. The gentle hand of the Feminine Divine continues to guide and gather many women called to this unique *Soul Sisters Retreat*.



Already AET has secured accommodation in a number of comfortable houses close together in three adjoining streets, only a short distance from the venue where we will gather each day for our sessions with Edwina.

This small hospitable township inclusive of walks, parks and hot pools make for a beautiful safe place for personal contemplation as well as strengthening and creating new relationships.

A Brief History of Hanmer Springs

According to Maori legend when the canoe carrying Tamatea and his party sank off the Otago coast Tamatea appealed to the guardian of Tongariro and Ngauruhoe, the North Island volcanoes, to save them from freezing. In reply the guardian sent fire to Hanmer and the hot springs emerged in time to save them.

Europeans discovered the hot springs in 1859 but because the region was isolated they did not become publicly available until ten years later. From then on they were used both for recreation and healing. They proved helpful for people with arthritis or for those with disability and during the Second World War they were used by recuperating soldiers. The residents of Queen Mary Hospital also benefited from these healing waters. In this new century, they are sought from near and far.

